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USEFUL FOR TREATING NEOPLASTIC
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AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This document is responsive to the non-final Office Action dated November 1, 2005. Please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.